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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI, DDCI Use of Government Vehicles

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1. On 5 February 1985, [] Deputy General Counsel, called me concerning a 29 January 1985 New York Times article addressing government officials' use of chauffeured limousines. The article described Senator Proxmire's successful efforts in calling attention to and obtaining more vigorous enforcement of a little known statute (31 U.S.C. § 1344) limiting the use by government officials of government vehicles for home-to-office transportation. The article noted that this statute contained an exception for cabinet-level officers and special medical and diplomatic personnel. It then stated that Congress last year had specifically expanded this exception to authorize home-to-office transportation for the DCI and DDCI. [] expressed his surprise at this statement since he was not aware of any such bill having passed last session and asked if I was familiar with this legislation. I informed [] that I would call appropriate committee staffers to determine the accuracy of the above information. STAT

2. On this same day, I spoke with Larry Patton, a staff assistant to Senator Proxmire who had personally worked on this particular matter. Larry noted that he had, in fact, just recently spoken at some length with the New York Times reporter on this subject. Larry remarked that the statement concerning recent Congressional approval of an exception for the DCI and DDCI appeared to be a muddled account of his description of the Agency's existing Section 8 authority which permitted the DCI and DDCI to use regular chauffeured home-to-office transportation. In his discussion with the Times reporter, Larry had mentioned that the exceptions contained in the statute itself, 31 U.S.C. § 1344, were not all-inclusive since certain agencies (i.e. CIA and DoD) were authorized to provide such home-to-office transportation "notwithstanding any other provisions of law." The reporter apparently misinterpreted Larry's remark to mean that the Agency's Section 8 authorities and this "notwithstanding any other provisions of law" language had recently been provided to CIA during Congressional consideration of this issue.

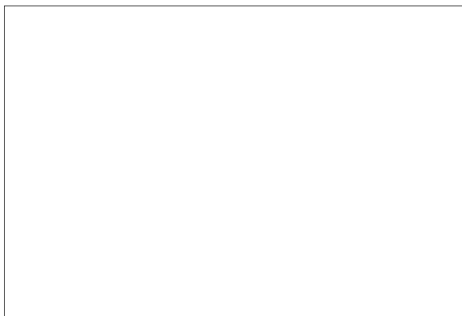
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3. More importantly, in attempting to alleviate Agency concerns about this article, Larry stated that both he and Senator Proxmire were fully satisfied with the Agency's 17 January response and agreed that Section 8 of the CIA Act of 1949 (50 U.S.C. 403j) authorized home-to-office transportation for the DCI and DDCI. In Larry's view, this 17 January letter adequately resolved Senator Proxmire's inquiries concerning the Agency's use of government vehicles.

4. I passed the above information on to both [] and Chuck Briggs this same day. Chuck stated that he would provide this information to the Director, PAO, and the DCI and DDCI.



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